

In the Claims

1. (previously presented) An oral drug delivery composition comprising a chromone wherein (1) not more than 10% of the chromone dissolves after two hours exposure of the composition to simulated gastric fluid and (2) at least 15% of the chromone dissolves within 10 minutes of subsequent exposure of the composition to simulated intestinal fluid, said composition further comprising disintegrant at a ratio of at least 1.2:1 (w:w) of disintegrant to chromone wherein said disintegrant is selected from the group consisting of microcrystalline cellulose, croscarmellose sodium, crospovidone, sodium starch glycolate, and combinations thereof.

2. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the composition is formulated as a tablet.

3. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 2 wherein the tablet has an enteric coating.

4. (currently amended) A composition according to claim 2 ~~or 3~~ wherein the composition is still in the form of a tablet at the end of the exposure of the composition to gastric fluid.

5. (currently amended) The composition Claim 2 ~~according to any one of claims 2 to 4~~ wherein the tablet comprises between about 50mg and 200mg of chromone.

6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the composition comprises substantially spherical pellets of up to 5 mm diameter comprising the chromone, each pellet having an enteric coating.

8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~or claim 8~~ wherein the ratio of disintegrant to chromone is between about 1.5:1 and 2.5:1

10.-15. (withdrawn)

16. (currently amended) A composition according to Claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1, 8, or 9~~ wherein the disintegrant is microcrystalline cellulose.

17.-29. (withdrawn)

30. (previously presented) A composition according to any one of the preceding claims further comprising an amphoteric surfactant or a surfactant having a hydrophile-lipophile balance (HLB) value of less than about 10.

31.-32. (cancelled)

33. (currently amended) A composition according to Claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the chromone is sodium cromoglycate.

34. (previously presented) An oral drug delivery composition comprising a chromone wherein (1) not more than 10% of the chromone dissolves after two hours exposure of the composition to simulated gastric fluid, and (2) at least about 80% of the chromone dissolves within about 5 minutes of subsequent exposure of the composition to simulated intestinal fluid, said composition further comprising microcrystalline cellulose at a ratio of at least 1.4:1 (w:w) of microcrystalline cellulose to chromone.

35. (previously presented) An oral drug delivery composition comprising a chromone wherein (1) not more than 10% of the chromone dissolves after two hours exposure of the composition to simulated gastric fluid, and (2) at least about 27% of the chromone dissolves within about 10 minutes of subsequent exposure of the composition to simulated intestinal fluid, said composition further comprising disintegrant at a ratio of at least 1.2:1 (w:w) of disintegrant to chromone, wherein said disintegrant is selected from the group consisting of croscarmellose sodium, crospovidone, sodium starch glycolate, and a blend of croscarmellose sodium and microcrystalline cellulose at a ratio of about 1:9 (w:w) of croscarmellose sodium to microcrystalline cellulose.

36. (previously presented) An oral drug delivery composition comprising a chromone wherein (1) not more than 10% of the chromone dissolves after two hours exposure of the composition to simulated gastric fluid, and (2) at least about 21% of the chromone dissolves within about 5 minutes of subsequent exposure of the composition to simulated intestinal fluid, said composition further comprising disintegrant at a ratio of at least 1.4:1 (w:w) of disintegrant to chromone, wherein said disintegrant is selected from the group consisting of super disintegrants in the form of a cross-linked cellulose, a cross-linked polymer, a cross-linked starch, and microcrystalline cellulose.